Abstract of the Disclosure

When an array of proximity sensors is used as a keyboard, it can provide an ambiguous output if a user's finger overlaps several keys or if liquid is spilled on the keyboard. This ambiguity is reduced by an iterative method that repeatedly measures a detected signal strength associated with each key, compares all the measured signal strengths to find a maximum, determines that the key having the maximum signal strength is the unique userselected key and then suppresses or ignores signals from all other keys as long as the signal from the selected key remains above some nominal threshold value.